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National Community Program Endorsed

The SCARBC has endorsed the Bicentennial Community Program, the National ARBC's effort to involve every community in the Nation in the Bicentennial Observance.

To achieve recognition as a Bicentennial Community, the following four step procedure must be completed:

- (1) Organize a Bicentennial planning and coordinating committee representative of all segments of the community.
- (2) Plan a Bicentennial Program which will leave at least one lasting reminder of the effort made in honor of the Bicentennial.
- (3) Obtain the approval of the Chief Executive or governing body of the community.

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Legislature Taps Morrah

SCARBC Chairman P. Bradley Morrah, Jr., has been honored by an invitation to address the special meeting of the South Carolina Legislature in the Exchange Building in Charleston on December 3.

The invitation, made through a concurrent resolution (Number 2370) of the South Carolina Legislature, was extended on October 24, 1973.

The Legislature's meeting at the Exchange Building will honor the historic anti-tea meeting held there on December 3, 1773.



Dr. William Hendrickson, representing the Department of the Interior, presents the Bicentennial flag to Superintendent Ben Moomaw at King's Mountain's 193rd annual victory celebration.

Revolutionary Sites Recognized

Fort Moultrie will be honored by the National American Revolution Bicentennial Commission with the presentation of an ARBC flag on December 3.

Governor John West will present the flag at a ceremony which will take place while the General Assembly is in Charleston observing the 200th anniversary of a general meeting in the Exchange Building December 3, 1773, to protest the British tax on tea.

Two other key Revolutionary War sites in South Carolina received ARBC flags in presentations on October 7.

A flag was presented to King's Mountain National Military Park in a ceremony which marked the 193rd anniversary of the Battle of King's Mountain. This battle was

significant because the victory there by patriot mountain men turned the tide of the Revolution in favor of the American colonies.

Cowpens National Battlefield was the scene of a similar ARBC flag presentation. Twenty-three important Revolutionary War sites around the country were chosen to receive these flags.

Representative Sam Manning, Vice-Chairman of the South Carolina ARBC and speaker for the presentations at King's Mountain and Cowpens, said, "The fact that three of these historic sites were chosen in South Carolina reaffirms the State Commission's belief that South Carolina played a vital role in the winning of the American Revolution."



Above is the first official South Carolina Bicentennial Medallion to arrive in South Carolina. The Franklin Mint of Philadelphia sent this sample to Mr. James Haynsworth, designer of the medal, for his approval. The mint will issue the medal as part of a set of fifty representing each state in the Nation. The SCARBC will make copies of this medallion available at a later date.

Exciting Projects Are Advancing

Exciting Bicentennial projects are being planned in every part of South Carolina. Two of the most colorful projects underway are the Crepe Myrtle '76 program and the Foothills Heritage Series.

Through Crepe Myrtle '76, South Carolina's longest arterial route, I-26, will soon receive a brightening touch of color with the planting of 1,976 crepe myrtle trees.

The project, approved by the South Carolina ARBC, is sponsored in cooperation with the Governor's Beautification and Community Improvement Board, the Garden Clubs of South Carolina, and the South Carolina Highway Department. The trees will be planted in time to welcome visitors to South Carolina during the Nation's Bicentennial.

There will be three simultaneous plantings at locations in the Low-

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Country, Midlands, and Up-Country on Arbor Day, December 7.

FOOTHILLS HERITAGE SERIES

Pioneer music, crafts, culture. . .

These will be featured in the Foothill Heritage Series, a project of the Pendleton District Historical and Recreational Commission made possible by a grant from the S. C. Arts Commission and the S. C. Bicentennial Commission.

The program will consist of a series of weekend workshops for selected ninth grade students who will be taught colonial arts and crafts and made aware of the craft heritage of the Pendleton area.

The workshops will be held during three weekends in January and February at Clemson University. Attending will be 198 students from all ninth grades in Anderson — Oconee — Pickens schools.

Chairman Takes Post

P. Bradley Morrah, Jr., Chairman of the SCARBC was elected Executive Secretary of the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States at the Council's June meeting in Wilmington, Delaware.

The Bicentennial Council was created to coordinate the activities of the Thirteen Original States in the Bicentennial Observance.

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Fort Moultrie Funds Restored

Federal funds to develop historic Fort Moultrie as a visitor's attraction, which had been cut by the U. S. Senate Appropriations Committee, have been restored.

Plans for Fort Moultrie which will be paid for with federal funds, include a project which would carry visitors to the fort back through history from 1890 to the 1776 Revolution.



The Americruiser, a new bus design that is part of Greyhound's Bicentennial program to encourage Americans to travel within their country, appeared recently at the State House with the approval of the SCARBC. Here, Governor John West signs Greyhound's "I Believe in America" guestbook, flanked by Greyhound's William Stidom (left), and H. R. Beebe.

Meet Your Commissioners

Upcoming issues of Bicentennial News will feature profiles of remaining members of the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.



Sam P. Manning

Representative Sam P. Manning is the vice-chairman of the SCARBC.

He graduated from Wofford College, attended the University of North Carolina, and received his Law Degree from the University of South Carolina.

Representative Manning served in the military forces in the Pacific Theater during World War II, with several special assignments.

A member of the South Carolina Bar Association, he has also served with distinction in many fraternal and service organizations.

Representative Manning has been a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives since 1967.

He is married to the former Anne Royal Carter of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. They reside in Spartanburg and have two children.



Dwight A. Holder

Dwight A. Holder, Chairman of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, is a native of Pickens, South Carolina.

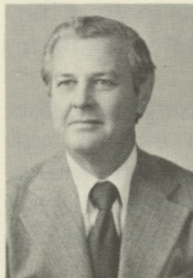
He attended Presbyterian College, the University of South Carolina, and the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

Mr. Holder served as an officer of the U. S. Navy during World War II.

A man of varied business interests, Mr. Holder has served as an officer of many county and statewide commissions.

He served as Chairman of both the Southern Governor's Conference in Charleston in 1968, and the Southern Governor's Conference in 1972 on Hilton Head Island.

Mr. Holder is married to Jessie Maulden Holder. They have two daughters, Mrs. Ronald Colvin and Jan Holder.



Horace C. Smith

Senator Horace C. Smith, a native of Spartanburg, South Carolina, graduated from Spartanburg Junior College and received a B.S. degree from Wofford College. He attended Duke University Law School, following military service in the U. S. Air Force from 1942 to 1945.

He is a member of the South Carolina Bar Association and many other fraternal and civic organizations.

Senator Smith served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1951 to 1956 and from 1959 to 1960. He has served in the Senate of South Carolina since 1967.

He is married to the former Dorothy Williams. They reside in Spartanburg.

Work Begins On Debate

In cooperation with the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States and the Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission, South Carolina will send a high school debate team to the Bicentennial Debate Tournament, February 5-9, in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The SCARBC, with the cooperation of the University of South Carolina is sponsoring and preparing South Carolina's team.

The University of South Carolina will hold a workshop for debators and coaches during November at USC. A tournament will be held in January to determine South Carolina's representatives.

The Tournament sponsors plan another tournament in 1975 for states east of the Mississippi River, and a final competition for 1976 with all 50 states competing.

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- (4) Submit the application to the appropriate Regional Planning Office. After approval, the Planning Office will send the application to the SCARBC for review. The SCARBC will forward the plans to the National ARBC.

The program will increase citizen involvement in the Bicentennial, while stimulating community participation and increasing the community's rate of progress. The Bicentennial Community designation also allows communities to use the National ARBC logo in conjunction with local Bicentennial commemorations.

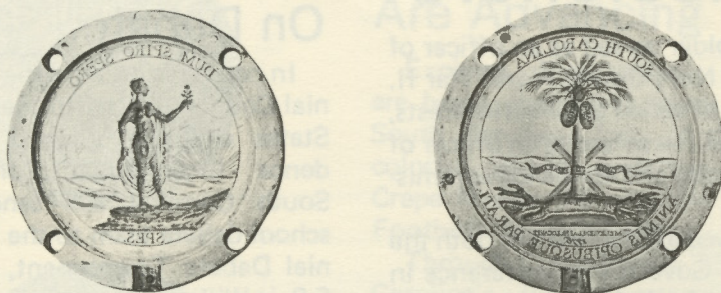
Bicentennial Offices Relocate

The offices of the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission are now located on the second floor of the Edgar Brown Building at 1205 Pendleton St. in Columbia.

The Bicentennial address remains; Box 1976, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202. The telephone number for the Commission is now 758-3551.

Please feel free to contact us on any questions, ideas, or suggestions that you have concerning the Bicentennial celebration in South Carolina.

South Carolina's State Seal



Pictured above is the mold that was used to make South Carolina's Great Seal.

Before an act of the South Carolina Legislature in 1823, the State Seal was not the flat seal impressed into documents today, but a pendant seal four inches in diameter and four tenths of an inch thick.

Documents requiring the attachment of this Great Seal had a piece of red tape attached to them. The mold for the seal was then attached to the tape, and melted beeswax poured into a hole at the top of the mold. After the beeswax cooled, the mold was removed, leaving the seal pendant to the document.

When the use of the cumbersome Great Seal was discontinued, the designs of the arms and reverse were compressed into ellipses and encircled to form a flat seal that could be stamped into documents with a hand press. The designs of the arms and reverse remained generally the same, both symbolizing the patriot victory at Fort Moultrie on June 28, 1776.

The arms, designed by William Henry Drayton, features a palmetto tree resting above a dead oak tree. The palmetto tree represents the logs used in the construction of Fort Moultrie, while the oak tree is representative of the defeat of the oaken timbered British ships.

Arthur Middleton has been credited with the design of the reverse, which features a woman walking beside the sea, representing Hope over Danger. The laurel branch that she holds symbolizes Colonel Moultrie's victory over the British forces.

South Carolina's State Seal is not only a beautiful official addition to state documents. It is also a historic commemoration of the first great patriot victory of the Revolution in the South.

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\$42,500 has been donated in advance gifts, toward the purchase of William Ranney's painting depicting the battle of Cowpens. General solicitation will begin in November.

The painting will be on display during the General Assembly's reenactment of the historic 1773 anti-tea meeting at the Exchange Building in Charleston on December 3.

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"200 Candles", the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission's documentary concerning the Bicentennial Observance in the Palmetto State, will be aired in late November.

Columbia film-maker Bob Brabham is producing the film.

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South Carolina's official Bicentennial logo pin is still available to the public in limited quantities. The cost is \$2.00 plus 8¢ tax per pin. To receive a logo pin, write SCARBC, Box 1976, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202.

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